



2017 Inland Sweep Annual Report



Photos from 2017 Sweep at Lake Marion, Taw Caw
and Potato Creeks in Clarendon County



Photo from 2017 Sweep at Tyger River, Tyger 10
Nature Park in Spartanburg County



2017 Beach Sweep/River Sweep - Inland Annual Report

South Carolina's 29th annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep cleanup was disrupted because Hurricane Irma posed a threat to South Carolina. The regular date (third Saturday of September) was rescheduled, moving the *official date* of the Sweep from September 16 to October 21. For the inland portions of the state there were 27 sites registered by 27 site captains for cleanups in 18 counties of South Carolina.

Data reports were requested from all the site captains; however, there was only partial response with data being reported by 17 site captains; a response rate of 62%. The rescheduling of the Sweep date had the effect of causing some groups to simply cancel their planned 2017 cleanup, and thus lowered of the response rate among the original registrants. Data from the cleanup are presented below. "Reported" data comes from a site captain/volunteer following a cleanup. Other data presented as "registered" reflects information provided by site captains when they registered for participation in the Inland Sweep.

Note, the numbers presented below do not include the Coastal Sweep sites and volunteers coordinated by the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium. For those numbers contact Sea Grant's Coastal Coordinator, Susan Ferris Hill, by telephone (843-953-2078) or www.scseagrant.org. For additional information regarding the Inland Sweep contact: Bill Marshall, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202; telephone: 803-734-9096, email: marshallb@dnr.sc.gov.

Information presented in this report includes: 2017 Quick Facts, Information Reported by County, Items Collected, and Participating Organizations.

The cover photos are selected from photos taken by volunteers with the 2017 Sweep.

2017 Quick Facts

Number of Counties in South Carolina with inland BSRS sites	18 counties registered 16 counties reported
Volunteers of inland BSRS	1,378 volunteers registered 557 volunteers reported
Sites cleaned with inland BSRS	27 cleanup sites registered 19 cleanup sites reported
Estimated pounds of litter and debris removed from South Carolina waterways, inland BSRS	11,588 pounds reported
Miles cleaned with inland BSRS	48 miles reported

2017 Reported Information by County

Information presented below lists all inland sites registered by site captains and cleanup data reported by site captains after the Inland Sweep event. Cumulative figures presented as totals represent reported volunteer participation, litter collected, and miles covered.

County	Location	People	Pounds	Miles	Bags
Cherokee	Lake Cherokee	23	60	0.5	40
Cherokee	Lake Thicketty	3	325	0.5	17
Cherokee	Broad River, OMVT crossing				
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Clarendon	Lake Marion, Taw Caw and Potato Creeks	30	800		
Florence	Lynches River boat landing at Hwy 52	67	755	10	
Greenville	Reedy River	105	6790	9	150
Greenville	Upper Saluda Rivers				
Hampton	Landings at Lake Warren and Salkehatchie River at Hwy 601				
Lancaster	Catawba River	21	1000	3	75
Laurens	Reedy River	10	500	5	38
Oconee, Pickens	Lake Jocassee	122	225	4	
Pickens	Lake Pinnacle at Table Rock State Park	5	39	1	2
Pickens	Lake Keowee				
Richland	Sesqui State Park lake	73	5	3	3
Richland	Lower Saluda River				
Richland	Cary Lake, Dent side	10	100	3	16
Richland	Heron Lake	28		1	30
Richland	Gills Creek, Crowson Road area	10	100	2	21
Richland, Lexington	Rocky Branch	12	500	0.25	15
Richland, Newberry, Fairfield	Broad River, near Peak	7	110	5	22
Richland, Sumter	Wateree River, Hwy 378 landing	1	125	0.25	11
Spartanburg	Lawsons Fork Creek, Cottonwood Trail Preserve				
Spartanburg	Fairforest Creek at Park Hills Neighborhood				
Spartanburg	Lakes Blalock and Bowen				
Spartanburg	Tyger River at Tyger 10 Nature Park	30	154	0.5	
York	Sugar Creek				
		557	11,588	48	440

Items Collected

Most common items collected: beverage bottles and cans (plastic, glass and aluminum), cigarette butts, take-out food containers, food wrappers, plastic grocery bags, cups and plates, bottle caps, cup lids, other plastic bags, forks-knives-spoons, straws-stirrers, fishing line and bait containers were collected. Other items collected: tires, golf balls, clothing, spray paint, dead fish, muriatic acid container, propane cylinders, buckets, tent, large Styrofoam block, rusted grills, broken lawn chairs, lawn furniture, small engine, stroller, fire extinguisher, construction items, propeller, rod and reel, Band-Aids, car bumper, balls (golf, tennis, soccer, etc.), boat battery, broken glass, microwave oven door, lots of plastic bags, cooking wine bottles, ceramic elephant head, broken

plastic auto parts, empty oil containers, fish and deer carcasses, fishing reel, cooler, car fender, pump sprayer, spinner, and fluorescent light tube.

2017 Organizations Participating in the Inland Sweep

Site captains provided information about the organizations they represented and those they recruited as cleanup volunteers for the inland Sweep. Participating and registered organization were as follows:

Gaffney High School
Turner and friends
Boy Scout Troop 320
Cub Scout Pack 320
Goat Island Boat Club
Keep Florence Beautiful
Friends of the Reedy River
Save Our Saluda and Foothills Paddling Club
Hampton Conservation District
Sun City Carolina Lakes Canoe & Kayak Club
Asbury Adventures
Friends of Jocassee
South Carolina State Parks
Sandel Family
Girl Scouts
Keep the Midlands Beautiful
Dent Middle School
SCDNR Diversity Outreach
Gills Creek Watershed Association
Congaree Riverkeeper
Broad River Paddlers
Spivey and friends
Spartanburg Area Conservancy, Inc
Caldwell Brothers Park
Spartanburg Water
Tyger River Foundation & Spartanburg WQ Partners
Nation Ford Land Trust & Alice Springs Close Greenway